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SUBJ: NAMUCAR OPERATIONS

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1.ON JAN 23, EMBOFF MET WITH MARIANO TIRADO, MINISTRO
PLENIPOTENCIARIO, JEFE DEPARTAMENTO DE TRANSPORTE, MINISTERIO
DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES, AT WHICH TIME TIRADO CONFIRMED
NAMUCAR'S PLANS (HE EMPHASIZED PLANS) TO BEGIN OPERATIONS IN
MARCH, AS WELL AS AGREEMENT TO EVENTUALLY FOLLOW 40-40-20
CARGO RESERVATION PRINCIPAL.

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2. HE SAID THAT FOUR MAIN CLOCKWISE AND COUNTER-CLOCKWISE ROUTES WOULD CONNECT MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER CARIBBEAN NATIONS. PROPOSED ROUTE ONE IS OF FORTY (40) DAYS DURATION; ROUTE 2, THIRTY-SEVEN (37) DAYS; ROUTE 3, SEVENTY-TWO (72) DAYS; AND ROUTE 4, FORTY-SIX (46) DAYS.

3. TIRADO NOTED THAT NEITHER COLOMBIA NOR PANAMA ARE MEMBERS SINCE NEITHER HAS SIGNED FINAL DOCUMENTS NOR PAID ITS ASSESSMENT; THIS IN SPITE OF FACT THAT FIRST NAMUCAR VESSELS WILL "IN ALL PROBABILITY" BE PANAMANIAN FLAG.

4. TIRADO SAID THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY AGREEMENT WHERE VENEZUELA WOULD PROVIDE DIESEL FUEL TO NAMUCAR VESSELS WHICH HE INDICATED, THOUGH POSSIBLE, WAS PERHAPS WISHFUL THINKING ON THE PART OF CERTAIN MEMBERS. HE IS STILL NOT CONVINCED THAT NAMUCAR WILL WORK.

5. TIRADO ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS EXTREMELY IMPRESSED BY THE DEDICATION AND QUALITY OF RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION OF THE CUBAN DELEGATION AND HE EMPHASIZED THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE CUBANS ARE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED TO INSURE NAMUCAR'S SUCCESS.
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